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Applicant submits herewith a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)) - Nonprofit Organization in connection with the above-identified application.

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*The Notice indicates that there are 32 independent claims. Our review of the application indicates that there are 33 independent claims (independent claims over 3 = 30).

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- The above calculated filing fee **\$1,929**.
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- Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17.
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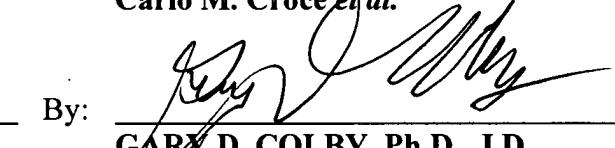
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